

Appendix B-8

**LAKE TAHOE RESTORATION PROJECTS
ESTIMATED NECESSARY EXPENSES & KEY MILESTONE DATES**

Project Name: West Shore Transit _____ Agency: USFS, LTBMU
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 SNPLMA Project #: _____

Identify estimated costs of eligible reimbursement expenses:

1. Planning, Environmental Assessment and

Research Costs (specialist surveys, reports, monitoring, data collection, analysis, NEPA, etc.) \$ _____ %

2. FWS Consultation—Endangered Species Act \$ _____ %

3. Direct Labor (Payroll) to Perform the Project \$ _____ %

4. Project Equipment (tools, software, specialized equipment, etc.) \$ _____ %

5. Travel (including per diem where official travel status required to carry out project, such as serve as COR, experts to review reports, etc.) \$ _____ %

6. Official Vehicle Use (pro rata cost for use of Official Vehicles when required to carry out project) \$ 250.00 _____ %

7. Cost of Contracts, Grants and/or Agreements to Perform the Project \$ 229,250.00 85 %

8. Other Direct and Contracted Labor: Agency payroll for the Contracting Officer to do project procurement, COR, Project Inspector, Sec. 106 Consultation if required, NEPA Lead, Project Manager, Project Supervisor, and subject experts to review contracted surveys, designs/drawings, plans, reports, etc.; Also covered is the cost to contract for a Project Manager and/or Project Supervisor if contracted separately from other project contracts) \$ 8,100 3 %

9. Other Necessary Expenses See Appendix B-11) \$ 32,400.00 12 %

TOTAL: \$ 270,000.00 100 %

Estimated Key Milestone Dates:

Milestones/Deliverables:	Date:
Award Grant	May, 2009
Final Completion Date:	12/31/2010

COMMENTS:

**APPENDIX K
LAKE TAHOE CAPITAL PROJECT PROPOSAL
ROUND 9**

Consistency with Lake Tahoe nomination criteria:

Project nominations must qualify as an Environmental Improvement Program (EIP) project and be the responsibility of the federal government (federal share responsibility); and have a willing and ready federal sponsor.

Project nominations must be consistent with one of the focus areas in the June 2006 Federal Vision (pp. 8-9) (<http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/lbmu/documents/lbtec/revised-FV-Final.pdf>) and fit into at least one category.

Capital Focus Area (as described in the 2006 Federal Vision): *Air Quality and Transportation*

Circle a minimum of one category:

1. Continued emphasis on fuels reduction in coordination with projects funded under the 2006 SNPLMA amendment (the “White Pine” amendment).
2. Continued implementation of projects approved in Rounds 5 through 8 which implement the EIP. Project proposal should clearly describe the phase/product being produced along with the consequence of not completing the project phase proposed for Round 9.

List project(s):Rd. #5 F002, Rd. #6 F065, Rd. #7 F095 _____

3. Project is consistent with and contributes toward TMDL pollutant reductions within the four source categories (atmospheric, urban & groundwater, forested uplands, and stream channel).

List category(ies): Atmospheric__

4. Control of aquatic invasive species and prevention of new aquatic invasive species.

Project Name: West Shore Transit

EIP #:839

Lead Agency:USFS, LTBMU

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Threshold: Air Quality

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Funding Requested in this Round: \$270,000

Total Project Cost \$2,300,000

Is this a multi-year Project? (If “Yes”, describe in the Detailed Project Description below number of years or phases and which year the requested funding will cover)

Yes

Project Summary (maximum 200 words): (applicable ONLY to this Round 9 project):

This project will continue to provide transit to Forest Service developed recreation sites on the South and West Shores of Lake Tahoe. Sites along this route will be Pope Beach, Camp Richardson Resort, Tallac Historic Site, Taylor Creek Visitor Center, Baldwin Beach, Inspiration Point, Eagle Falls Trailhead, Meeks Bay Campground, Meeks Bay Resort, Meeks Bay Trailhead, Kaspian Picnic Area, Kaspian Campground, William Kent Beach, William Kent Campground and 64 Acres Recreation Area.

Detailed Project Description (focuses on what Round 9 is funding; list the number of years or phases the Round 9 requested funding will cover; if phased, briefly describe how this project links into previously phased projects including what remains for Rounds 10 and beyond).

Funding will be used as a grant to TRPA who will contract with local transportation districts to provide bus and trolley services to recreation sites in South Lake Tahoe and along the West Shore of Lake Tahoe. This funding will be combined with funding from Round 7 to provide services for the summer of 2009 only.

Funding for the project started in Round 5 as a demonstration project to establish a reliable transportation system to Forest Service recreation sites. Concurrently, the Tahoe Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) worked to secure transit operation funding through a technical corrections bill to the current Transportation Bill (SAFETEA-LU). These efforts are on going. To continue service, funding was provided in Rounds 6 and 7.

Ridership on the Emerald Bay Trolley (South Shore to Emerald Bay) has increased from 21,634 passengers in 2005 (Round 5) to 42,003 passengers in 2007.

Ridership on the Emerald Bay Shuttle (Tahoe City to Emerald Bay) started in 2006 with a ridership of 4,011 passengers and increased to 7,802 passengers in 2007.

To make these services more self- sustaining, the South Shore operator (Emerald Bay Trolley) is exploring ways to separate the fares collected for the Trolley from the fixed route service. The Emerald Bay Shuttle (operated by the Truckee, North Tahoe TMA) is looking for a sponsorship from the North Tahoe Lodging association. The association has verbally committed to \$10,000 for the summer of 2008 and the summer of 2009.

It is anticipated that SNPLMA funding requests will continue while the Tahoe MPO continues efforts to secure reliable funding.

Describe the goals and objectives of the project (those applicable ONLY to this Round 9 project):

1. To discourage use of personal vehicles by visitors and encourage the use of mass transit.
2. To reduce Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT's).
3. To reduce air and water quality impacts.
4. To connect existing public transportation systems at the South Shore and North Shore to Forest Service recreation sites

Describe the anticipated project accomplishments (i.e. products or identifiable environmental benefits being produced or implemented under this project):

Identifiable project accomplishments will be an increase in ridership over previous years. Ridership on the Emerald Bay Trolley (South Shore to Emerald Bay) has increased from 21,634 passengers in 2005 to 42,003 passengers in 2007. Ridership on the Emerald Bay Shuttle (Tahoe City to Emerald Bay) started in 2006 with a ridership of 4,011 passengers and increased in 2007 to 7,802 passengers.

Environmental benefits associated with increased transit ridership include fewer vehicles on the roads and fewer vehicle miles traveled, which in turn has benefits for air and water quality.

Describe the “readiness” of this project to move forward (urgency, capacity, capability, environmental documentation etc.):

This project is ready to move forward. No NEPA is required.

Describe partnerships for this project. (if applicable, project should identify partner funding [committed/secured] and how it is integrated into the project).

Partnerships are the South Shore TMA, Truckee -North Tahoe TMA, Tahoe Transportation District (TTD) and the Tahoe MOP, which provide logistical support and operation of transit services. Additionally, the North Tahoe Lodging association has verbally committed \$10,000 to augment operations for the summer of 2008 and the summer of 2009. This would account for approximately 12% of the operation costs.

Describe the project monitoring that will be implemented as part of this project including:

Monitoring associated with this project is tracking the daily ridership.

The questions the monitoring program is designed to answer

- 1) **The monitoring approach** (describe the methods and strategies [i.e. monitoring, research, or both] that will be used to verify whether the project goals and objectives have been met. A detailed monitoring/research plan is not required, but enough detail must be provided to allow someone that is unfamiliar with the project to understand and evaluate the proposed methods and strategies.)
- 2) **Whether this project monitoring fits into a larger monitoring or research program** (including how information from the monitoring and research will be used to improve the continued performance of the proposed project or improve future similar projects)

Describe these two items which will be considered along with the above project monitoring information by the Tahoe Science Consortium related to research and monitoring resource areas and the effectiveness of environmental restoration activities:

1) Describe the specific goals and objectives of the project and describe how fulfilling those objectives will contribute to the achievement of one or more environmental thresholds.

2) Describe the risk to the environment from failure of the proposed project (i.e. if the project fails what is the environmental consequence).

Describe how the project results will be communicated and made available to the public.

Ridership numbers are presented monthly at the TTD, South Shore TMA and Truckee-North Tahoe TMA.

Include an 8 ½ X 11 map depicting the project.

